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SUBJECT: KENYA ARMED FORCES CLASH WITH SOMALI SHIFTAS

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1. KENYA DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMSEC KIEREINI CONFIRMED TO DCM JUNE 29
SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WHICH REPORTED RECENT CLASHES BETWEEN KENYA ARMED
FORCES AND SOMALI SHIFTAS SEEKING TO CROSS NORTHEASTERN KENYA INTO
ETHIOPIA. KIEREINI SAID KENYA ARMY REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN FLOWN
TO MANDERA AND ADDITIONAL FORCES HAVE ALSO BEEN DEPLOYED ALONG
ETHIOPIA BORDER BETWEEN MANDERA AND RAMU AND WESTWARD TOWARDS MALKA.
AS A RESULT OF THESE REDEPLOYMENTS OF KENYA FORCES AND KENYAN ARMED
RESISTANCE TO SOMALI INCURSION, MOST OF THE SOMALI SHIFTA FORCES HAVE
APPARENTLY RETREATED INTO SOMALIA. TOMORROW (JUNE 30) KIEREINI AND
VICE PRESIDENT MOI WILL FLY TO MANDERA TO MAKE ON SITE INSPECTION OF
SITUATION. KIEREINI SAID KENYANS NOW GIVING REFUGE RAMU TO 17
ETHIOPIAN POLICEMEN WHO HAD BEEN FORCED TO FLEE THEIR POST ON
ETHIOPIAN SIDE OF BORDER WHICH HAD BEEN OVERRUN BY SOMALI SHIFTAS

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A FEW DAYS AGO.

2. CONTRARY TO REFTEL FROM LOWER-LEVEL DEFENSE MINISTRY
OFFICIAL THAT INCIDENT WOULD BE DOWNPLAYED, KIEREINI SAID THAT
KENYA GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PROTEST SOMALI INCURSION INTO
KENYA IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS BOTH BILATERALLY TO SOMALIA AND
MULTILATERALLY AT OAU SUMMIT. WHILE HE SAID KENYANS HAVE NOT

AS YET SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING ANY OF SOMALI SHIFTAS INVOLVED IN RECENT INCURSION, REPORTS INDICATE THAT THEY WERE IN UNIFORM AND THAT SOME INVOLVEMENT OF PERSONNEL OF SOMALIA ARMED FORCES WAS LIKELY. SHIFTA FORCES APPEARED WELL-TRAINED AND EQUIPPED.

3. WHILE KENYAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT AS YET ATTEMPTED TO ASSESS BROADEER SOMALI OBJECTIVES, TACTICAL PURPOSE OF SHIFTAS IN ATTEMPTING TO CROSS DEEP INTO KENYAN TERRITORY APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY NEED TO CROSS DAWA RIVER FARTHER UPSTREAM, AS LOWER SEGMENT OF THIS RIVER NEAR MANDERA IS CURRENTLY SWOLLEN BY FLOOD WATERS.

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